



# FFA's NEW ERA

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## *New State Officers*



*L-R: Reporter Carrietta Schalesky, Faith; Secretary Cheyenne Leonhardt, Groton; Treasurer David Strain, Sturgis; Vice President Breanna Bullington, Brookings; President MaKayla Heisler, Newell; Sentinel Shala Larson, Webster*

The 85th South Dakota FFA Convention ended with the election of six individuals that will serve the South Dakota FFA Association for the next 365 days! The candidates go through three days of intense interviews before anxiously awaiting the announcement and installation of the new officers during the final session. Those selected to serve this year are:

- **President:** Makayla Heisler, Newell  
Daughter of John & Judy Heisler
- **Vice President:** Breanna Bullington, Brookings  
Daughter of Mark & Tammy Bullington
- **Secretary:** Cheyenne Leonhardt, Groton  
Daughter of Terry & Cindy Leonhardt
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Son of Mike & Robin Strain
- **Reporter:** Carrietta Schalesky, Faith  
Daughter of T.W. & Faye Schalesky
- **Sentinel:** Shala Larson, Webster  
Daughter of Arlie Larson & Rosie Larson

Over the course of the next year, this officer team will travel across the state of South Dakota to present workshops, conferences and camps; as well as giving speeches and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA. All six will attend South Dakota State University for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. For complete biographies on the new state officer team, visit [www.aged.sdstate.edu](http://www.aged.sdstate.edu) and click on SD FFA Association and State Officers.

Congratulations to these individuals who will be serving this organization for the next year!

## *Honorary Degrees Awarded at SD State FFA Convention*

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 14-16, 2013, in Brookings, S.D. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to the SD FFA.

### ***The following individuals were awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree***

Walt Bones • Theresa Derr • Jim Geisler

Rod Geppert • Joan Hegerfeld-Baker • Walt Schaefer

Amy Smith • Clint Smith • Sarah VanDerVliet

Steve & Patty Garry,

Parents of Kelli Garry, Retiring State Reporter

Terry & Cindy Leonhardt,

Parents of Taylor Leonhardt, Retiring State President

Raydelle & Meria Sperle,

Parents of Savanna Sperle, Retiring State Sentinel

### ***The following individuals were awarded the Distinguished Service Award***

Rapid City Farm Credit Services

Shannon & Sue Rausch,

Parents of Andy Rausch, Retiring State Vice President

Tom & Karen Swan,

Parents of Tyler Swan, Retiring State Treasurer

Dan & Nicole Tonak,

Parents of Ashley Tonak, Retiring State Secretary



### ***Honorary State FFA Degree***

*(L-R): Back Row - Walt Schaefer, Clint Smith, Walt Bones & Jim Geisler. Front Row - Amy Smith, Theresa Derr, Alicia Reif & Sarah VanDerVliet.*



### ***Distinguished Service Award***

*Rapid City Farm Credit Services Rep Krista Hofer*



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*L-R: Krista Hofer, Representative of Farm Credit Services of America; Jake Krohmer, Wessington Springs; Parents Jan & Fred Krohmer; Advisor Craig Shryock.*



*L-R: Brian Bye, Representative of Farm Credit Services of America; Brandon Reif, McCook Central; Parents Sharon & Scott Reif; Advisor Terry Rieckman.*



*L-R: Dan & Karen Streff; Evan Donahue, Howard; Parents Brenda & Bernard Donahue; Advisor Charlene Weber.*



*L-R: Aaron Mach, Representative of Verity Farms; Gretchen Rops, Lennox-Sundstrom; Parents Kristi & Brad Rops; Advisor Jim Wilson.*



*L-R: Advisor Shane Gross; Jonathon Linke, Woonsocket; Parents Paula & Henry Linke; Don Jacobson, Representative of Central Farmers Cooperative.*

# SD FFA Stars Awarded for Outstanding Projects

Five South Dakota FFA members were awarded with the South Dakota FFA Association Star Awards for project excellence at the 85th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, S.D., on April 14-16, 2013.

The South Dakota FFA Star Awards recognize FFA members who have demonstrated exemplary work in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (internship) programs. Through their Supervised Agricultural Experience, these FFA members have mastered skills in agriculture production, finance, management and research.

After an extensive review of their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and records, 20 FFA members were selected as South Dakota's finalists for State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriscience and Star Greenhand. The finalists also discussed their projects in an oral interview with a panel of industry judges. The results are as follows:

**A. State Star Farmer**

*Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America*

**JAKE KROHMER:** Wessington Springs

*Finalists:* Audrey Souza — Milbank  
Preston Hansmeier — Webster  
Johannes Gimbel — Miller

**B. Star in Agribusiness**

*Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America*

**BRANDON REIF:** McCook Central

*Finalists:* Lexi Slack — Viborg Hurley  
Chad Buse — Lennox-Sundstrom  
Samantha Rothschild — Viborg-Hurley

**C. Star in Ag Placement**

*Sponsored by the Dan Streff Family*

**EVAN DONAHUE:** Howard

*Finalists:* Levi Olinger — Wessington Springs  
Jean Skoglund — McCook Central  
Cole Potter — Howard

**D. Star in Agriscience**

*Sponsored by Verity Farms*

**GRETCHEN ROPS:** Lennox-Sundstrom

*Finalists:* Liz Renner — West Central  
Beau Wensing — Florence  
Allison Dockter — Wilmot

**E. Star Greenhand**

*Sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative*

**JONATHON LINKE:** Woonsocket

*Finalists:* Adam Eichacker — McCook Central  
Kate Westphal — Lemmon  
Rachel Schartz — West Central

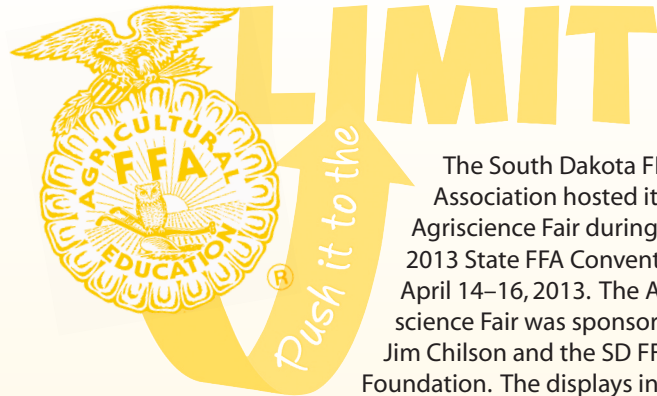


# A Trip to Sioux Falls for Ag Day

On March 23, Andy Rausch and I loaded up the car and took off with our booth for the annual Ag Day at the Washington Pavilion. Our mission: to educate the general public on where food comes from. We had several comparisons of how food gets from the farm to your plate and knowing that the audience would be largely younger children, we came equipped with six different livestock feed samples, toy tractors and other farm equipment to illustrate these paths.

That day, the Washington Pavilion had an official count of over 1800 visitors. A combination of the feed samples, farm toys, and our location led our exhibit to be an even bigger draw than we anticipated. We spent the day informing both adults and children about the production of food. We were also able to talk with the adults about their past experiences and backgrounds in agriculture.

The trip was a success and a great experience! We met a lot of new people and even got to reconnect with several individuals that we had met in the past year. SD FFA participating in this event was sponsored by SD FFA Star Partners — Pioneer, Monsanto, Northland Ford, North Central Farmers Elevator.



## SD FFA Agriscience Fair Results Announced

The South Dakota FFA Association hosted its annual Agriscience Fair during the 2013 State FFA Convention, April 14–16, 2013. The Agriscience Fair was sponsored by Jim Chilson and the SD FFA Foundation. The displays included

49 exhibits in six different categories. The top projects in the junior (grades 7-9) and senior (grades 10-12) divisions for each category are listed below.

**Animal Systems:** The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing, through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.

Jr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nathan Flemming & Javen Moe, Florence  
Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Shane Mueller, Garretson

**Environmental Services/Natural Resources:** The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment.

Jr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trent Sumner & Kobe Roe, Florence  
Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jade Maier, Bowdle

**Food Products & Processing Systems:** The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance and food service within the food science industry.

Jr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Hannah Hintz & Morgen Bunde, Florence  
Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Craig Reiter & Patrick Reiter, Florence

**Plant Systems:** The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants.

Jr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Janie Fritz, Sturgis  
Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kiera Leddy, Milbank

**Power, Structural, & Technical Systems:** The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and proj-


ect planning for agricultural structures.

Jr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Landon McGillvray & Dylan Robbins, Florence

Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jadon Geier & Kasey Wipf, Bowdle

**Social Systems:** The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural education, agribusiness economic, agricultural communication, agricultural leadership and other social science applications in agriculture, food and natural resources.

Sr Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ethan Cunningham & Josh DeRaad, Centerville

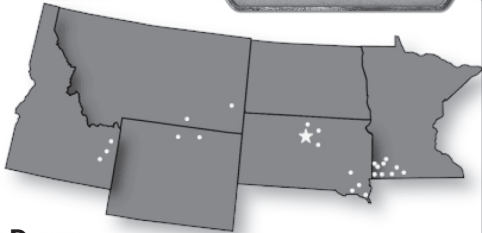


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# South Dakota FFA Proficiency Winners Recognized

South Dakota FFA members were recognized at the 85th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 14-16, 2013, for excellence in developing career-specific skills through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Proficiency projects.

The FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards recognize members who have developed their skills and abilities related to employment, internships, apprenticeships and their future careers at agribusinesses or agriculture-related organizations. There are 49 Proficiency areas for FFA members to participate in (E=Entrepreneurship, P=Placement).

## **Agricultural Communications (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Tri State Neighbor

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mykah Wiseman, Tri-Valley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Roth, McCook Central

## **Agricultural Education (E/P)**

National Sponsor: The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding

Foundation; Tulsa Welding School

State Sponsor: Dr. Lon Moeller

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kelsi Kampshoff, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abby Flanders, Harrisburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Courtney Rickett, Harrisburg

## **Ag Mechanics Design & Fabrication (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Cammack Ranch Supply, Union Center

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bradley Heumiller, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan Schallenkamp, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Wipf, Howard

## **Ag Mechanics Energy Systems (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Lincoln Electric Co.

State Sponsor: Scott Supply Co.; University of Ne-

braska, Nebraska College of Technical Ag

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cooper Eliason, Howard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Ibach, Harrisburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Duerre, Webster

## **Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (E)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Butler Machinery; Jesse Larson.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Lang, Freeman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper Eliason, Howard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nicholas Hoesel, Hitchcock-Tulare

## **Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Butler Machinery

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mitchell Kleinsasser, Freeman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson

## **Agricultural Processing (E/P)**

National Sponsor: CHS

State Sponsor: SD Soybean Processors, Volga

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ross Penning, Harrisburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Emmert, Harrisburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kayty Knudsen, McCook Central

## **Agriculture Sales (E)**

National Sponsor: Crop Production

Services & Monsanto

State Sponsor: Legend Seeds, Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kara Shoup, Gettysburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dillon Van Dyke, Elkton

## **Agriculture Sales (P)**

National Sponsor: Fastenal

State Sponsor: Wilbur-Ellis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shayne Gottlob, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brock Anderson, McCook Central

## **Agriculture Services (E/P)**

National Sponsor: TransCanada

State Sponsor: Midwest Cooperative; Northern Plains Cooperative

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Fuerstenberg, Harrisburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Haak, Howard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Hybertson, Beresford

## **AgriScience Research - Animal Systems**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: DuPont Pioneer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson

## **AgriScience Research - Integrated Systems**

National Sponsor: AllFlex USA Inc., Elanco; National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: ADM Benson Quinn

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Anderson, Bowdle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Hummel, Florence

## **AgriScience Research - Plant Systems**

National Sponsor: Monsanto

State Sponsor: Monsanto

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kiera Leddy, Milbank
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Parmely, Miller

## **Beef Production (E)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Jensen, Stewart, Odden and Vedvei

Charolais; SD Shorthorn Association

- 1<sup>st</sup> Garret Masat, Hitchcock-Tulare
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jade Maier, Bowdle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

## **Beef Production (P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: SD Cattlemen's Association

- 1<sup>st</sup> Evan Donahue, Howard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Boll, West Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Skoglund, McCook Central

## **Dairy Production (E)**

National Sponsor: New Holland

State Sponsor: Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Siglin, Webster

## **Dairy Production (P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Associated Milk Producers Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Schukking, Lake Presley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Hotchkiss, Tri-Valley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Souza, Milbank

## **Diversified Agricultural Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Sioux Nation Ag Centers of SD

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Mentele, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zach Bies, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Worth, Gettysburg

## **Diversified Crop Production (E)**

National Sponsor: CHS

State Sponsor: Cargill, Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laren Johnson, Webster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Eichacker, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Parady, Howard

## **Diversified Crop Production (P)**

National Sponsor: Crop Production Services; National Crop Insurance Services

State Sponsor: North Central Farmers Elevator

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tara Parmely, Miller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Schwader, Howard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zach Bies, McCook Central

## **Diversified Horticulture (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Wilbur-Ellis

State Sponsor: South Dakota Florist's Association; First

Premier Bank, Watertown

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gregory Mehlbech, McCook Central

## **Diversified Livestock Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Wahl Clipper Corp

State Sponsor: McFleeg Feeds

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Nelson, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Haak, Howard

## **Emerging Agricultural Technology (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Ag Leader Technologies; BASF

State Sponsor: Kimball Livestock Exchange

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Hummel, Florence
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nichole Barber, Harrisburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cooper Eliason, Howard

## **Environmental Science & Natural**

**Resources Management (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Mosaic Company

State Sponsor: SD Assn of Conservation Districts

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nichole Barber, Harrisburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Siglin, Webster
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cordell Wobig, McCook Central

## **Equine Science (E)**

National Sponsor: Purina Animal Nutrition

State Sponsor: Amani Arabians, Tim Anderson & Kim Nevin, of Milbank.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cody Larson, Canton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Strand, Harrisburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morgan Matthaehi, McCook Central

## **Equine Science (P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Scott Cammack, Dawn Nagel, Susan

Stoterau, Roger DeRouche, Webster FFA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Aubree Morris, McCook Central

## **Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Bunge North America

State Sponsor: SD Soybean Research & Promo Council

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Schwader, Howard

## **Food Science and Technology (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Candidus and Londa (Vanderwal)

Nwadike; Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kayty Knudsen, McCook Central

## **Forage Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Animal Health Int'l, Inc.

State Sponsor: Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc., Webster

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brock Anderson, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Simons, Miller

## **Forest Management & Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: John Deere

State Sponsor: Harrisburg FFA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Wiebe, Garretson

## **Fruit Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: DuPont Company

State Sponsor: MinnTex

- 1<sup>st</sup> Erika Cotton, Sioux Valley

## **Goat Production (E/P)**

National Sponsor: Purina Animal Nutrition

State Sponsor: Scheel Livestock of Alpena;

RMH Livestock of Raymond

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Schallenkamp, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Stohr, Milbank

## **Grain Production (E)**

National Sponsor: Pioneer DuPont

State Sponsor: SD Wheat Commission

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nick Parady, Howard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Streff, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Laren Johnson, Webster

## **Grain Production (P)**

National Sponsor: Pioneer DuPont

State Sponsor: McCook Central FFA Chapter

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zach Bies, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Schwader, Howard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cordell Wobig, McCook Central

## **Home &/Or Community Development (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Monsanto

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Mayrose, McCook Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Skoglund, McCook Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheyenne Edmundson, Garretson

## **Landscape Management (E/P)**

National Sponsor: John Deere

State Sponsor: SD Wheat Growers Association

- 1<sup>st</sup> Evan Johnson, Webster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ross Tarbox, Huron
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Baily Neises, Howard

## **Nursery Operations (E/P)**

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Northland Ford, Minneapolis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kira Tschetter, Hitchcock-Tulare
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Siglin, Webster



### Outdoor Recreation (E/P)

National Sponsor: Yamaha Motor Co. USA

State Sponsor: Jack's Campers; Nedved Guide Service; Central Dakota Guide Service; Grand Slam Hunts

1<sup>st</sup> Gavin Gassman, McCook Central

2<sup>nd</sup> Alexandria Flanders, Harrisburg

3<sup>rd</sup> Colton Ketelhut, Miller

### Poultry Production (E/P)

National Sponsor: Tyson Foods, Inc

State Sponsor: Josh Johnson; Runnings, Pierre

1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare

2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Mulder, Elkton

### Sheep Production (E/P)

National Sponsor: Bimeda, Inc

State Sponsor: Newell Ram Sale

1<sup>st</sup> Alex Wilson, Lennox-Sundstrom

2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mueller, Garretson

3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor Leonhardt, Groton

### Small Animal Production and Care (E/P)

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Robert Rennoloet; Mike McIntyre, DVM; SD Veterinary Medical Assn

1<sup>st</sup> Jean Skoglund, McCook Central

2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Schallenkamp, McCook Central

3<sup>rd</sup> Abby Flanders, Harrisburg

### Specialty Animal Production (E/P)

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: R & R Pheasant Hunting

1<sup>st</sup> Gretchen Rops, Lennox-Sundstrom

### Specialty Crop Production (E/P)

National Sponsor: C F. Industries, Inc

State Sponsor: Hansmeier & Son, Inc., Bristol; Howe Seeds, McLaughlin.

1<sup>st</sup> Morgan Matthaei, McCook Central

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Mulder, Elkton

### Swine Production (E)

National Sponsor: Tyson Foods, Inc.

State Sponsor: SD Pork Producers Council

1<sup>st</sup> Gretchen Rops, Lennox-Sundstrom

2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Simons, Miller

### Swine Production (P)

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Murphy Farms, LLC; Lester Moeller; Marvin & Janet Kizer; Kevin & Sandy Ortberg; Wally & Kathy Knock

1<sup>st</sup> Jenna Schweiss, Gettysburg

2<sup>nd</sup> Bo Michael Peterson, McCook Central

### Turf Grass Management (E/P)

National Sponsor: John Deere

State Sponsor: Croplan by Winfield.

1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Reif, McCook Central

### Vegetable Production (E/P)

National Sponsor: Wilbur-Ellis Company

State Sponsor: Clark & Lyla Hanson, in honor of Bill & Stella Hanson

1<sup>st</sup> Cody Larson, Garretson

2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan Matthaei, McCook Central

3<sup>rd</sup> Curt Reickert, McCook Central

### Veterinary Science (E/P)

National Sponsor: National FFA Foundation

State Sponsor: Mike McIntyre, DVM of Winfred

1<sup>st</sup> Abby Flanders, Harrisburg

2<sup>nd</sup> Lacey Quail, Deubrook

### Wildlife Production & Management (E/P)

National Sponsor: Purina Animal Nutrition

State Sponsor: Craig & Maure Weinkauff, in memory of Arthur J. Weinkauff

1<sup>st</sup> Landon Bushong, Hitchcock-Tulare

2<sup>nd</sup> Caleb Ranschau, Canton

3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Gassman, McCook Central

## South Dakota FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

South Dakota FFA awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to 26 South Dakota FFA members that will be pursuing degrees in agriculture. The South Dakota FFA is dedicated to premier leadership, personal growth and career success, and is therefore proud to support South Dakota FFA members in their post-secondary education. The following scholarships were awarded as part of the South Dakota FFA Foundation's collegiate scholarship program.



**Blue and Gold Scholarships:** Back L-R: Kyle Kramer, Flandreau; Landon Bushong, Hitchcock-Tulare; Samuel Simons, Miller. Front L-R: Audrey Souza, Milbank; Kaelyn Dammann, Mitchell.



**DuPont Pioneer Scholarships:** Myles Konopasek, representative of DuPont Pioneer; Trevor Larson, Winner; Eric Worth, Gettysburg; Luke Eide, Deuel; Melissa Nelson, McCook Central.



**Mary Hansen Scholarships:** Katelyn Burggraff, Tri-Valley. Not Pictured: Krista Smit, Lennox-Sundstrom; Kelsey Kennedy, Beresford; Liz Renner, West Central.

### Agricultural Education

This scholarship is awarded to a senior FFA member who intends to study Agricultural Education at a post-secondary institution. This year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship is Makayla Heisler, Newell.

### Bob Titus Memorial

This scholarship, which is sponsored by Sioux Falls Ford, was established in memory of Bob Titus, father of Past State FFA Officer Jenny Titus-Jacobson. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship is Laura Alexander, Clark.

### Wade Lang Memorial

This scholarship is given in memory of Wade Lang who served as the SD State FFA Treasurer from 1991-1992. The recipient of this \$500 memorial scholarship is Maggie Kringen, Madison.

### A. Blue & Gold

SD FFA offers these scholarships to any graduating senior who is planning to enroll in an agriculture-related field in one of South Dakota's institutions. The year's recipients of the \$500 scholarships are: Samuel Simons, Miller; Audrey Souza, Milbank; Kyle Kramer, Flandreau; Kaelyn Dammann, Mitchell, and, Landon Bushong, Hitchcock-Tulare.

### B. DuPont/Pioneer

As a Five Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the SD FFA Foundation, DuPont/Pioneer sponsors four \$500 scholarships. The recipients are Melissa Nelson, McCook Central; Luke Eide, Deuel; Eric Worth, Gettysburg; and, Trevor Larson, Winner.

### C. Mary Hanson Memorial

These scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are: Liz Renner, West Central; Katelyn Burggraff, Tri-Valley; Kelsey Kennedy, Beresford; and, Krista Smit, Lennox-Sundstrom.

### D. Monsanto

As a Five Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the SD FFA Foundation, Monsanto sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are: Kayla Gilbertson, McCook Central; Shala Larson, Webster; Caleb Long, Freeman; and, Lexi Slack, Viborg-Hurley.

### E. Northland Ford Scholarships

As a Distinguished Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the SD FFA Foundation, Northland Ford sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are: Tyler DeRouche, Hoven; Reid Kaiser, Hoven; Elizabeth Bertolotto, Sturgis; and, Zach Bies, McCook Central.

### F. Wosje Agricultural Business

These scholarships are sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje. Chad and Rhonda are SDSU graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members. The recipients of these \$500 scholarships are: Dean Christensen, Beresford and Jean Skoglund, McCook Central.

**Not Pictured:** Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship recipient Maggie Kringen of Madison Central, Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship recipient Laura Alexander of Clark; Ag Education Scholarship recipient MaKayla Heisler of Newell.



**Monsanto Scholarships:** Kayla Gilbertson, McCook Central. Not Pictured: Shala Larson, Webster; Caleb Long, Freeman; Lexi Slack, Viborg-Hurley.



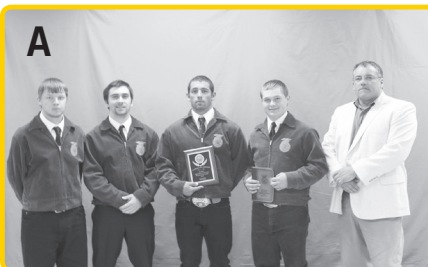
**Northland Ford Scholarships:** Ron Einsphar, representative of Northland Ford; Elizabeth Bertolotto, Sturgis; Reid Kaiser, Hoven; Tyler DeRouche, Hoven. Not Pictured: Zach Bies, McCook Central.



**Wosje Ag Business Scholarships:** Dean Christensen, Beresford. Not Pictured: Jean Skoglund, McCook Central.



# State FFA Career Development Event Results Announced



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Shane Ring, Kenar Vander May, Chance Knutson, Austin Thayer, Advisor Brandy Knutson.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Matt Sebert, Kaitlyn Schmeichel, Cassie Wilebski and Advisor Linda Peterson.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Mark Ketelhut, Trent Steptoe, Tanner Cain, Nathan Bertsch, and Paul Waring.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Ken Jones, Weston Hamlin, Hayden Houdek, Cole Oakley, Shawn Branine.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Roger Scheibe, representative of Midwest Dairy Association, Sierra Winter, Ashley Rennich, Logan Triebwasser, Mike Triebwasser and advisor Don Sutera.

Over 2,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended the 85th South Dakota State FFA Convention hosted on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, S.D., on April 14-16, 2013. Of those 2,000 plus individuals, several FFA members participated in the State FFA Career Development Events.

FFA Career Development Events, or CDEs, assist agricultural education students in developing and refining their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately, succeed in future careers.

The results are as follows:

## A. Agricultural Business Management

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank of South Dakota.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Kadoka  
Austin Thayer, Chance Knutson, Kenar Vander May, Shane Ring  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Wessington Springs  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Willow Lake  
**Top Individual:** Austin Thayer, Kadoka

## B. Agricultural Communications

Awards sponsored by South Dakota Broadcasters Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dakota Farm Talk.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** West Central  
Kaitlyn Schmeichel, Matthew Sebert, Cassie Wilebski  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Hoven  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central  
**Top Individual:** Cassie Wilebski, West Central

## C. Agricultural Mechanics

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by CHS Foundation. Drills for top 10 individuals sponsored by CHS Foundation, and a welder for the top team sponsored by Lincoln Electric.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Miller  
Nathan Bertsch, Tanner Cain, Trent Steptoe, Paul Waring  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Dell Rapids  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Deuel  
**Top Individual:** Thad Krause, Deuel

## D. Agronomy

Awards sponsored by SD Seed Trade Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Croplan by Winfield and in memory of Walt Johnson by De & Mike Johnson.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Hyde County  
Shawn Branine, Weston Hamlin, Hayden Houdek, Cole Oakley  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Webster  
**Top Individual:** Kayla Gilbertson, McCook Central

## E. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Division of the Midwest Dairy Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Global Dairy and Sharp's Inc.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Sioux Valley  
Ashley Rennich, Logan Triebwasser, Mike Triebwasser, Sierra Winter  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Deubrook  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Deuel  
**Top Individual:** Logan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley

## F. Floriculture

Awards sponsored by Gettysburg High School and SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Development; team travel scholarship sponsored by SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Milbank  
Natasha Borah, Katelyn Loutsch, Emily Pauli, Megan Schliesman  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Philip  
**Top Individual:** Katelyn Loutsch, Milbank

## G. Food Science and Technology

Awards sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Candidus and Londa (Vander Wal) Nwadike; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Milbank  
Sharon Folk, Kayla Holtquist, Anna Kurtz, Ashley McCulloch  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Mitchell  
**Top Individual:** Morgan Matthaei, McCook Central

## H. Horse Evaluation

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by K Bar J Leather Co.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Huron  
Jessica Broer, Dana Duvall, Sierra Goerg, Bailey Schoenfelder  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Wolsley-Wessington  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Sisseton  
**Top Individual:** Morgan Janisch, Sisseton

## I. Livestock Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Pork Producers Council; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dakotaland Feeds, Inc. and Nelson Farm and Family.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Woonsocket  
Aaron Linke, Jonathon Linke, Nathan Linke, Riley Schmiedt  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Groton  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Hyde County  
**Top Individual:** Maryn Howard, Groton

## J. Meats Evaluation & Technology

Awards sponsored by John Morrell & Co.; team travel scholarship sponsored by John Morrell & Co. and Justin & Crissa Fruechte.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Kimball  
Turner Blasius, Mary Kroupa, Jace Pulse, Lisa Smith  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Hitchcock-Tulare  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Lennox-Sundstrom  
**Top Individual:** Jordanne Howe, Redfield

## K. Milk Quality and Products

Awards sponsored by Land O' Lakes; team travel scholarship sponsored by Lynn and Brenda Maass.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central  
Nicole Roth, Cooper Seamer, Bridgett Tuschen, Madlen Wachter  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Deuel  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Milbank  
**Top Individual:** Allisa Krause, Deuel

## L. Natural Resources

Awards sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition and Jeff Vander Wilt.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Milbank  
Sean Pinkert, Kasey Schmidt, Brock Tilma, Zach Wiese  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Lennox-Sundstrom  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Kadoka  
**Top Individual:** Sean Pinkert, Milbank

## M. Nursery/Landscape

Awards sponsored by Intermountain Stihl; team travel scholarship sponsored by SODAK Gardens of Clear Lake and the South Dakota FFA Foundation. Chainsaw for first place individual sponsored by Intermountain Stihl.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** McCook Central  
Cole Cheeseman, Tim Gassman, Julia Loudenburg, Anthony Tuschen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Mitchell  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Lennox-Sundstrom  
**Top Individual:** Julia Loudenburg, McCook Central

## N. Range Plant Identification

Awards sponsored by SDSU Range Club.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Kadoka  
Logan Christensen, Clint Stout, Aage Ceplecha, Lane Patterson  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Philip  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Newell  
**Top Individual:** Logan Christensen

## O. Veterinary Science

Awards sponsored by Mike McIntyre, D.V.M.; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Milbank  
Brandi Buescher, Janine Erikson, Morgan Jones, Jamie Mundwiler  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Lennox-Sundstrom  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Groton  
**Top Individual:** Morgan Jones, Milbank



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Jamie Mundwiler, Wyatt Kelly (alternate), Brandi Buescher, Morgan Jones, and Janine Erikson.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Logan Christensen, Lane Patterson, Aage Ceplecha, Clint Stoet, and advisor Brandy Knutson.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Terry Rieckman, Anthony Tuschen, Julia Loudenburg, Tim Gassman and Cole Cheeseman.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Zach Wiese, Kasey Schmidt, Brock Tillma and Sean Pinkert.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Katelyn Loutsch, Emily Pauli, Amber Schuelke (alternate), Natasha Borah, and Megan Schliesman.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Ashley McCulloch, Kayla Holtquist, Anna Kurtz, and Sharon Folk.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Mike Postma, Bailey Schoenfelder, Jessica Broer, Dana Duvall, and Sierra Goergen.



1<sup>st</sup> Place (L-R): Dakotaland Feeds Rep Roxanne Knock, advisor Shane Gross, Aaron Linke, Nathan Linke, Riley Schmiedt, Jonathon Linke, SD Pork Producers rep Stacey Sorlien.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Lori Tonak, Lisa Smith, Mary Kroupa, Turner Blasius and Jace Pulse.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L-R): Advisor Terry Rieckman, Cooper Seamer, Bridgett Tuschen, Madlen Wachter and Nicole Roth.





L-R: Skylar Thomas, Elkton; Kiera Leddy, Milbank; Brenda Weber, Bridgewater-Emery & Alex Eschenbaum, Faulkton

## DC Bound: Washington Leadership Conference

This summer thousands of FFA members from across the nation will flood to Washington D.C. for Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). During the five-day event, attendees will learn how to become effective leaders by teaching them to know their purpose, value people, take action, and serve others. Also, while in D.C., students will build relationships with other students, tour the monuments, and do an awesome service project.

Each year the SD FFA Foundation sponsors four \$500 scholarships to help defray registration and travel expenses to members who will be attending WLC in the summer. The members that received this scholarship are Alex Eschenbaum, Faulkton; Brenda Weber, Bridgewater-Emery; Kiera Leddy, Milbank; and Skylar Thomas, Elkton. Congratulations to all the recipients and have a blast in DC this summer.

## FFA Chapters Receive National Chapter Awards

Eight South Dakota FFA chapters were recognized with National Chapter Awards at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, S.D., on April 14-16, 2013.

The purpose of the National Chapter Awards is to encourage chapters to develop and use a strong Program of Activities. These chapters plan and carry out activities centered around three key areas: student, chapter and community development.

In the area of student development, chapters focus on developing activities to enhance students' life skills. Some examples of these activities include: Career Development Events, scholarship programs, Supervised Agricultural Experience (internship) programs and mentorship activities with elementary students. The area of chapter development stresses the importance of providing opportunities to the chapter's members. Within this area, chapters take part in activities such as hosting recruitment events, developing alumni groups and planting and harvesting crop test plots for both educational and financial purposes. The final area, community development, encourages FFA chapters to give back to their community through service and by developing partnerships with local organizations. In doing this, chapters participate in activities such as developing a community garden, expanding local parks and volunteering to assist with community events.

• The **Star National Chapter Awards**, sponsored by Reinke-Gray Wealth Management, were presented to FFA chapters placing first through third. The results are:

1<sup>st</sup>: McCook Central      2<sup>nd</sup>: Lake Preston      3<sup>rd</sup>: Garretson

• Five other FFA chapters were also recognized for **outstanding student, chapter and community development**. These chapters are:

4<sup>th</sup>: Arlington      5<sup>th</sup>: Lennox-Sundstrom      6<sup>th</sup>: Viborg-Hurley  
7<sup>th</sup>: Howard      8<sup>th</sup>: Deubrook

• Three chapters were also recognized with the **Governor's Citation for Community Development**. This recognition centers around community development, is given to the FFA Chapters with the top community interaction and activities in South Dakota and is sponsored by Patsy Rieckman & Daughters. These chapters are:

1<sup>st</sup>: Lake Preston      2<sup>nd</sup>: McCook Central      3<sup>rd</sup>: Lennox-Sundstrom

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### Meet your new Ambassadors!

Courtney Schaeffer of the Menno FFA chapter and Kyle Kramer of the Flandreau FFA chapter were selected to serve as the 2013-2014 South Dakota State FFA Ambassadors! They will have a busy year working with the state officers at summer Leadership Retreats, the FFA Animal Nursery at the State Fair, State Leadership CDE's and State Convention!

Courtney is the daughter of Wesley and Danielle Schaeffer and grew up on a farm near Utica, South Dakota. She loves camping with her family, fishing, swimming, playing cards, traveling, and enjoying the company of her friends. Her high school activities include volleyball, cross country, track, softball, football stats, basketball, FCCLA, FFA, Oral Interp, One Act Play, band, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This fall Courtney will attend South Dakota State University and major in Nursing.

Kyle is the son of Greg and Marianne Kramer and grew up on his family's farm near Flandreau, South Dakota. In high school, Kyle was involved in cross country, track, FFA, and National Honor Society. In his free time, he enjoys riding four-wheeler and snowmobile, building things, listening to music, spending time with friends, and is a passionate NASCAR fan. On weekends, he works at a local race engine shop and also helps with the preschool Sunday school. Kyle plans on attending South Dakota State University to major in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering. Good luck to the new ambassadors this upcoming year!



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## Foundation Feature

- Congratulations to all FFA members and chapters on a successful SD State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity!
- Thank you to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA would not be able to provide the opportunities which help members “grow” for the future. In this time of lean school budgets, sponsors are crucial in keeping Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs in our schools.
- Be sure to “Like” the South Dakota FFA Foundation on facebook, to stay updated on what’s happening, and subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, at [www.sdffaoundation.org](http://www.sdffaoundation.org).

## Spring Break FFA Partnership Visits

This spring break, while most college students were taking a break from classes by spending time on sunny beaches, building houses on mission trips, or working to make some extra cash, the state FFA officers had the awesome chance to visit with some valuable partners of the South Dakota FFA Association.

Traveling in teams of two, the officers were able to visit with 27 businesses from across South Dakota despite uncooperative weather conditions. We discussed ways that FFA can partner with businesses so both benefit from the relationship. Those discussions included ideas ranging from high school career days to safety stimulator booths at state convention as well as the wide range of internship opportunities and scholarships available to motivated students.

A pretty clear take-away from most business was the shortage of self-motivated, hardworking employees that they need to fill positions ranging from mechanics, to sales representatives, to bookkeepers. They are desperate for the work ethic and dedication found in most FFA members, and most want to hire high school students, so don’t be afraid to seek jobs/internships from local businesses.

Thank you to all sponsors who support South Dakota FFA members at the chapter and state level!

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## Deubrook Wins Image Builder Award!

In the FFA, our organization is represented in everything we do. Our organization shows through when we participate in career development events and complete service projects. When people see us and the blue jacket that we're wearing, we're not only representing ourselves but also the National FFA Organization.



Kayla Neuse accepts the 2013 Image Builder Award on behalf of the Deubrook FFA Chapter.

The Public Relations application requires chapters to put together their public relations activities promoting Agricultural Education and FFA from the year. This year, the Deubrook FFA Chapter received 1st place and the Webster FFA Chapter took home 2nd place! Congratulations to both chapters on their accomplishments and always pushing themselves to the limit to make a positive impression through the media!

The Public Relations/Image Builder Award is sponsored by Paulsen Marketing of Sioux Falls.

## Hypnosis: The FFA Way



The Performing Arts Center on the campus of South Dakota State University had a full house as Dr. Al Snyder, hypnotist, performed in front of over 900 excited South Dakota FFA members and advisors.

Hypnosis is an artificially induced altered state of consciousness, characterized by

heightened suggestibility and receptivity to direction. Hypnosis is often referred to as a sleep-like condition.

Hypnotist Dr. Al Snyder, a licensed veterinarian, has been hypnotizing members for State FFA Conventions and National Conventions for 13 years and is a past state officer from Wyoming. On the evening of Monday, April 15, 2013, Dr. Snyder had FFA members laughing as he hypnotized 20 FFA members after the Monday night session of the South Dakota FFA Convention.

These FFA members that were hypnotized ran through the crowd, stole fellow member's shoes, and even sang to Gavin DeGraw's popular song: "Not Over You." The Hypnotist show involved all the members with a few members becoming hypnotized in the crowd and even more members laughing until it hurt. It was a success with many members requesting another show for next year's convention!

## Got Leadership?

Are you bored? Do you want to meet members from all across South Dakota? Do you want to have fun while learning how to be an effective leader? Do you want to meet the new State Officers? If any of these activities sound interesting to you then sign up for a FFA Leadership Retreat today!

South Dakota FFA members have the opportunity to attend one of two leadership retreats: West River at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer, South Dakota the week of July 9-12 or East River Retreat at Swan Lake in Viborg the week of July 16-18, 2013. While attending one of the two leadership retreats you will learn from the State Officers how to grow your leadership skills and meet many life-long friends all while experiencing the great outdoors of South Dakota and fun activities! Registration is due June 20 to the State FFA Office. Ask your advisor for more information or [visit www.aged.sdstate.edu](http://www.aged.sdstate.edu).



FFA members and guests had the privilege of listening to Dr. Rick Rigsby during the first session of the 85<sup>th</sup> South Dakota State FFA Convention, thanks to our sponsors: Farm Credit Services of America and SDSU Collegiate FFA. Dr. Rigsby is an international motivational speaker who's originally from the San Francisco Bay Area. Now a college professor at Texas A&M University, Rigsby also serves as the character coach and chaplain for the Aggies football team. At State Convention, his motivational words inspired us all to listen to the wisdom of our parents and grandparents.

He shared several personal stories ranging from the wisdom of his own parents to his loving wife who passed away from cancer. Dr. Rigsby also taught FFA members, advisors, parents, and guests to stand up during the hardships of their lives and no matter where it takes them, stay strong. He showed his excitement of being in South Dakota for the first time despite the cold weather and thanked the 2,000 FFA members and guests for inviting him to speak.

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Dr. Rigsby has spoken at several National FFA Conventions and is known to be one of the top motivational speakers in the nation. We were happy to have him come and share his passions of life with us. If you want to watch Dr. Rick Rigsby's speech or any of the sessions from the 2013 SD State FFA Convention, visit [ihigh.com/sdffa](http://ihigh.com/sdffa).

## Viborg-Hurley Crafts their Way to the Top with Chapter Scrapbook

Newspaper articles, captivating photos, fun stickers, colorful backgrounds and a creative effort all go into making a fantastic chapter scrapbook. Chapters from all across the state create a chapter scrapbook each year so they can showcase their chapter's activities and show them off at State Convention, hoping to win the Chapter Scrapbook Award. This year's winner was the Viborg-Hurley FFA Chapter! Congratulations on your hard work and this outstanding accomplishment!



# Planting Inspiration

What could your community or FFA chapter do with \$2500? Every year Monsanto sponsors a program called America's Farmers Grow Communities. This program allows farmers to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite non-profit organization. One winner will be selected in each of the 1,271 eligible counties within 39 states. Not only does Monsanto donate to eligible communities, but they donate an additional \$2,500 if the community is located in an area affected by the drought.

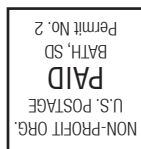
This year seven FFA chapters will be doing great things with their donation from the Monsanto Fund. The Deuel, Faulkton, DeSmet, Flandreau, Gettysburg, Bridgewater-Emery, and Wessington Springs FFA Chapters will be standing out, stepping up, and helping their communities grow!

## FFA Members Grow with Scholarships from National FFA

In 2013, the National FFA organization awarded \$29,000 in scholarships to 19 SD FFA members in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These high school students devoted much time and effort to academic studies, FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, leadership, and community activities. The South Dakota FFA Association commends all of these members for their leadership and hard work. The scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Jessica Broer . . . . . Huron Vocational . . . . Ford Trucks/ Built Ford Tough . . . . . \$1,000
- Dean Christensen . . . . Beresford . . . . . Fastline Publications . . . . . \$1,000
- Kirstyn Fiala . . . . . Miller . . . . . AGCO Dealer . . . . . \$1,000
- Paige Hermanson . . . . Sturgis . . . . . Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Co. of Iowa . . \$1,500
- Kyle Kramer . . . . . Flandreau . . . . . John Deere Dealer . . . . . \$2,000
- Jorry Lammers . . . . . West Central . . . . . Ford Trucks/ Built Ford Tough . . . . . \$1,000
- Caleb Lang . . . . . Freeman . . . . . Wilbur-Ellis Company . . . . . \$1,000
- Kimberly Leber . . . . . Parker . . . . . Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) . . . \$1,000
- Katelyn Loutsch . . . . . Milbank . . . . . John Deere Dealer . . . . . \$2,000
- Kyle McGuire . . . . . Rapid City . . . . . Ford Trucks/ Built Ford Tough . . . . . \$1,000
- Mikayla Nuese . . . . . Deubrook . . . . . John Deere Dealer . . . . . \$2,000
- Janelle Paulson . . . . . Clark . . . . . AGCO Dealer . . . . . \$1,000
- Lacey Quail . . . . . Deubrook . . . . . Tractor Supply- Growing Scholars . . . . . \$1,000
- Elizabeth Renner . . . . West Central . . . . . John Deere Dealer . . . . . \$2,000
- Gretchen Rops . . . . . Lennox-Sundstrom . . . AGCO Your Agriculture Company . . . . . \$2,000
- Jean Skoglund . . . . . McCook Central . . . . BNSF Railway Company . . . . . \$5,000
- Tyler Swan . . . . . Newell . . . . . Bunge North America . . . . . \$1,000
- Brian Van De Stroet . . . Canton . . . . . Hormel Foods Corporation . . . . . \$1,500
- Alexandria Zanter . . . . Menno . . . . . AGCO Dealer . . . . . \$1,000

*Congratulations to all recipients and good luck in your future!*



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